PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln as his last official act signed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the 13th Amendment provides that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of freedom symbolized by this Amendment is a priceless heritage of the people of South Dakota and of the United States, it is appropriate that we should set apart the date of February 1, 1961, as National Freedom Day, honoring the signing of this Amendment; and

WHEREAS, similar principals of freedom are embodied in the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim and set aside February 1, 1961, as

NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

and do hereby call upon all South Dakotans to rededicate themselves to the principles of independence and freedom enumerated in the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One.

Archie Gubbrud

GOVERNOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE